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Hancock Shaker Village to Host Willis Henry Auctions' Annual Shaker Event 2013 Auction to highlight Part II of the McCue Collection

On Saturday, September 7th at 11:00 am, Willis Henry Auctions will present two sessions of Shaker Collections at an auction to be held at Hancock Shaker Village in Pittsfield, MA. Session one features originals from Part II of the Drs. J.J. Gerald and Miriam McCue collection, followed by a second session of assorted Shaker originals from other collections. Previews are scheduled for Thursday, September 5 from 2:00-5:00pm, Friday, September 6 from 11:00-5:00pm, and Saturday, September 7th from 9:00-10:30am. Attendance at the auction is free, and does not require admission to the museum.

The McCue Collection began in 1948 and grew from an initial purchase of approximately six pieces from Faith and Edward Deming Andrews, who were seminal collectors and scholars in the Shaker Studies field. The McCues also pursued direct purchases from existing Shaker communities, including Canterbury, NH, Sabbathday Lake, ME, and Hancock, MA.

Session One of the September 7th event will highlight original Shaker Furniture and artifacts, many of which have been exhibited at The Whitney Museum of American Art, The Smithsonian Institution, and The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Featured items include a rare two-piece trustees desk, purchased from the Canterbury Shakers in the 1930s; a stained yellow cupboard (purchased from the Hancock Shakers a month after the death of Sister Frances Hall in 1967); an original chrome yellow Blanket Chest, (purchased from Eldress Emma King at Canterbury); a

rare trustee's desk, originally from Union Village, Ohio; a birch rocking chair with a brown and beige cotton taped seat; a cast iron wood stove with a rectangular fire box and semicircle lipped front, a mirror and hanger with a rosewood frame on a pine backboard; hangers, oval boxes, knitted scarfs, books, tools, pipes and more.

Session Two will highlight John Winkley, Canterbury Shelf Clock; Shaker from Ed Clerk's collection including rare red bench, tin candle sconce and Ohio rocker; fine sewing items from the James Bissland estate, and other important collections including Enfield, NH chairs, tiger maple candle stands, tables, cupboards, oval boxes, baskets, ephemera, and manuscripts.

Online versions of catalogs for each session are available at www.willishenryauctions.com, along with information on how to bid live online during the event.

About Hancock Shaker Village

Hancock Shaker Village, the Shaker "City of Peace," brings the Shaker story to life and preserves it for future generations. It portrays principled living, as embodied in the faith based values of the Shakers equality, community, sustainability, and responsible land stewardship of their resources values that resonate today. The Village is located on Route 20 in Pittsfield, MA, just west of the junction of Routes 20 and 41. For GPS purposes, the Village is located at 34 Lebanon Mountain Rd., Hancock, Mass. 01237. Or, enter 1843 W. Housatonic St., Pittsfield, Mass. 01201 then proceed 1/2 mile further West on Rt. 20 to the parking lot. For more information, see www.willishenry.com or www.hancockshakervillage.org

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